## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

STACEY PARKS-CARSON,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	)
ALPHA RECOVERY CORPORATION,	)
Defendant.	)

### **COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, Stacey Parks-Carson, by and through undersigned counsel, and for her complaint against the Defendant, Alpha Recovery Corporation, Plaintiff states as follows:

### I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for actual and statutory damages for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* ("FDCPA").

#### II. JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692 and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District in that Plaintiff resides here, Defendant transacts business here, and the conduct complained of occurred here.

#### III. PARTIES

- 4. Stacey Parks-Carson ("Plaintiff") is a natural person who resides in Florissant, Missouri.
- 5. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

- 6. Alpha Recovery Corporation ("ARC") is a foreign corporation engaged in the collection of consumer debt within the State of Missouri.
- 7. ARC is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

#### IV. <u>ALLEGATIONS</u>

- 8. The debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff was incurred primarily for personal, family, or household services and is therefore a "debt" as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 9. On or about May 1, 2020, Plaintiff retained legal counsel to assist in the resolution of several debts, including the debt alleged sought by ARC.
- 10. On or about May 15, 2020, an employee of ARC contacted Plaintiff by telephone to discuss a debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff.
- 11. During the call, Plaintiff informed the ARC employee that she was represented by counsel, provided her counsel's contact information, and requested that all further communication be directed to her counsel.
- 12. Notwithstanding, ARC initiated additional communications to Plaintiff directly, including but not limited to telephone calls made on May 18, 2020 and May 27, 2020.
- 13. These communications by ARC violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(a)(2), in that ARC contacted a consumer after receiving notice that the consumer was represented by an attorney.

#### V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

# WHEREFORE Plaintiff Stacey Parks-Carson respectfully prays for judgment as follows:

- a. All actual compensatory damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §
   1692k(a)(1) from ARC and for Plaintiff;
- b. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A) from ARC and for Plaintiff;
- c. Plaintiff's attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §

  1692k(a)(3) from ARC and for Plaintiff;
- d. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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